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Initiative Started to Create a State-Wide Employer Internship Directory

Two Iowa based organizations are partnering to create a state-wide employer internship directory. The Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation and the Iowa Association for Internships and Cooperative Education recognized the need to identify employers offering internships in the state of Iowa.

To be included in the directory, employers submit their information in a survey taking 1-2 minutes to complete. Questions the employers answer include: Company name/address; name/contact information of person responsible for coordinating internships; how many interns the company has per year; a company website; and how established the internship program is at the company.

“Collecting this information is valuable to the Iowa Association for Internships and Cooperative Education because it allows us to connect with a group of employers who see value in the same type of learning and workforce training as our group,” says Kari Lammer, the current IAICE President. IAICE is a group of employers and college career professionals who look to internship opportunities to grow the future workforce.

Wade Den Hartog, ABI Foundation Development Director says, “Many of our members are strategizing about how to retain young people in the state and prepare them for work at their companies. Connecting these employers in a statewide network will be a valuable resource for Iowa’s future workforce.”

If the campaign to build the directory is successful, both groups see this contributing to the growing and enhancing internship programs in the state of Iowa and connecting the employers, universities, and the next generation of Iowa’s workforce.

Employers who offer one internship on occasion or employers just beginning to offer internships are welcome to be a part of this directory. In order to submit information, please visit: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2tebrbkq77niu5f/start>.

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About IAICE

IAICE is a group of educators and employers who believe in the practice of internships and cooperative education to prepare and develop students to be tomorrow's workforce leaders. We do this by sharing information, creating relationships and valuable partnerships. To learn more, visit www.iaice.org

About Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation

The ABI Foundation, was established in 1984 to deliver programs and to conduct research for the benefit of students, educators, emerging leaders, and employers that expand their knowledge and enhance their individual responsibility and leadership skills. Today, the ABI Foundation helps develop Iowa's workforce and leaders through statewide programs such as Business Horizons, Leadership Iowa, Leadership Iowa University, Young Professionals of Iowa, and various workforce development initiatives. The ABI Foundation was created by the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, an association of over 1,400 Iowa businesses and representing more than 300,000 employees in Iowa. To learn more, visit www.iowaabifoundation.org